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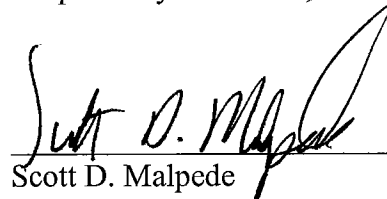
Claims 48-52, 56, 60, 64 and 68 are presented for consideration, with Claims 48, 52, 56, 60, 64 and 68 being independent.

Editorial changes have been made to Claims 48, 60 and 64 to even more clearly recite Applicants' claimed invention.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended toward their representative during the telephone conversation of August 15, 2006. During the telephone conversation, the Examiner indicated that amending Claims 48, 60 and 64 in the manner shown above would be acceptable. Accordingly, consideration and entry of the Rule 312 Amendment is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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